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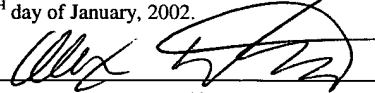
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ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS
AND REQUEST FOR REFUND

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Sir:

Small entity status is entitled to be asserted for the above-identified application.

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.28(a), Applicants request a refund of \$859, which is one-half of the filing fee of \$1718 paid on October 26, 2001.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees required by this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2054. A copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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